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SUBJECT: GUB NOMINATION FOR ASSISTANT DIRECTOR GENERAL, UNESCO

1. MFA HAS SOUGHT U.S. SUPPORT FOR ITS NOMINATION OF U AUNG SHWE, CURRENTLY COMPLETING TOUR AS BURMESE AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE, AS ASSISTANT DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR ADMINISTRATION OF UNESCO. WHILE WE UNDERSTAND THIS IS NOT AN ELECTIVE POSITION, BURMESE EVIDENTLY HOPE THAT WE CAN USE WHAT INFLUENCE WE MIGHT HAVE TO PROMOTE THIS APPOINTMENT.

2. U AUNG SHWE WAS A CAREER ARMY OFFICER WHO ROSE TO RANK OF BRIGADIER UNTIL HE WAS RELIEVED OF DUTY IN 1961 AFTER A FALLING OUT WITH THE THEN NO. 2 MAN IN THE GUB, BRIG. AUNG GYL. SENT INTO DIPLOMATIC EXILE, HE SERVED AS BURMA'S ENVOY TO AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND 1961-63, TO CAIRO 1963-70 AND TO FRANCE AND SPAIN 1970-75. HE HAS SERVED ON VARIOUS DELEGATIONS TO UN CONFERENCES AND AS BURMA'S PERMREP TO UNESCO, HEADED THE BURMESE DELEGATIONS FROM 1970-74. FOR ADDITIONAL BIO DATA, SEE DIA BIO REPORT OF AUGUST 1967 AND EMBASSY'S BIO FORM OF MARCH 26, 1962.

3. WE HAVE NO STRONG VIEWS ON THIS NOMINATION ALTHOUGH AUNG SHWE OBVIOUSLY DOES NOT ENJOY CLOSE LINKS TO THE CURRENT LEADERSHIP HERE, HIS AGE (57) MIGHT BE A DRAWBACK AND ADMINISTRATION IS NOT GENERALLY A BURMESE SPECIALTY. APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS.

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